What is claimed is:

- 1. In a centrifugal separator comprising a rotor
- 2 in which storing holes each for storing a sample tube
- 3 with a cap are formed to be inclined with respect to an
- 4 axis such that an open end of each of the storing holes
- 5 is directed toward the axis,
- 6 a rotor for the centrifugal separator, wherein
- 7 contact portions each coming into contact with an outer
- 8 surface of the cap of the sample tube are formed in open
- 9 end sides of the storing holes, and the contact portions
- 10 respectively have notches at portions thereof which face
- 11 the axis.
 - 2. A rotor according to claim 1, wherein the
 - 2 storing holes are arranged at equiangular intervals in a
 - 3 circumferential direction, and the contact portions
 - 4 corresponding to the respective storing holes are
 - 5 connected to each other.
 - 3. A rotor according to claim 1, wherein the
 - 2 rotor further comprises an adapter having a holding hole
 - 3 for holding a sample tube with a diameter smaller than
 - 4 that of the sample tube, a contact portion coming into
 - 5 contact with an outer surface of a cap of the sample
 - 6 tube is formed in an open end side of the holding hole,
 - 7 the contact portion has a notch at a portion thereof,

- 8 and the adapter has an outer diameter which allows the
- 9 adapter to be stored in the storing hole.
 - 4. An adapter for the centrifugal separator
- 2 comprising a holding hole for holding the sample tube,
- 3 wherein a contact portion coming into contact with an
- 4 outer surface of the cap of the sample tube is formed in
- 5 an open end side of the holding hole, and the contact
- 6 portion has a notch at a portion thereof.
 - 5. An adapter according to claim 4, wherein the
- 2 contact portion is formed to be higher than the cap to
- 3 be attached to the sample tube.